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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT

1. GOV SCRANTON MET MORNING JULY 27 WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP BOTHA, AT LATTER'S REQUEST. BOTHA INSISTED THAT CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPING INITIATIVES CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE PERSONALLY WAS INVOLVED IN SEEKING FORMULA INVOLVING SWAPO IN NAMIBIA TALKS AND BREAK THROUGH APPEARED POSSIBLE BUT, BOTHA ADDED, RIGHT WING IN SOUTH AFRICA COULD SEIZE ON SC DEVELOPMENTS TO SCOTCH THOSE HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENTS. BOTHA SHOWED US WHAT HE DESCRIBED TO BE INTERNAL SWAPO DOCUMENT WHICH REVEALED DEEP SPLITS WITHIN THAT ORGANIZATION, WITH FACTIONS WARRING ONE AGAINST ANOTHER. BOTHA OUTLINED TO US ELEMENTS OF SPEECH HE WOULD DELIVER THAT AFTERNOON IN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT ZAMBIAN DISSIDENT MUSHALA INITIALLY HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO NAMIBIA IN A PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT, A POINT WHICH HE SAID HE CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD NOT MENTION DURING DEBATE. HE ALSO INDICATED HE MIGHT

PROPOSE IN HIS SPEECH DISPATCH OF A UN OBSERVER MISSION OR OBSERVER FORCE TO CAPRIVI STRIP AREA. (HE DID NOT MENTION THIS LATER IN HIS DELIVERY.) BOTHA ALSO URGED THAT TALKS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER PROCEED RAPIDLY. HE REFERRED TO A JULY 1976 MEETING BETWEEN SAG AND MPLA, AT WHICH LATTER REPEATEDLY URGED SOUTH AFRICANS NOT TO ASSIST UNITA.

2. GOV SCRANTON ALSO MET LATER IN MORNING WITH ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE, WHO DOCUMENTED ZAMBIAN CASE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AND CALLED FOR CONDEMNATION OF SAG. TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA MADE SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO GOV SCRANTON EARLY AFTERNOON. GOV SCRANTON URGED BOTH TO TEMPER LANGUAGE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ORDER NOT TO UPSET DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS.

3. DURING GROUP CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO SC MEETING AFTERNOON JULY 27, BENIN AND USSR ARGUED FOR INSCRIBING ITEM WITH TITLE WHICH CLEARLY PREJUDGED ISSUE. UK AND UK VIEW PREVAILED AND WITH VERY HELPFUL INTERVENTION BY PANAMANIAN PERMPREP, MEMBERS ACCEPTED FRAMING ITEM WITH TITLE, "COMPLAINT BY ZAMBIA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA."

4. AFRICANS HOPE TO END DEBATE THIS WEEK. BENIN, CHINA, AND EGYPT ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT NEXT MEETING, AFTERNOON JULY 28.

5. SUMMARY OF DEBATE BY SEPTTEL.
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